

The following amendments to the rules of the Denver County Democratic Party are recommended by the Rules Committee of the County Party. Text to be removed is ~~struck out~~. Text to be added is in **ALL BOLD UPPER CASE**.

Amendment 1: The following change corrects for the elimination of the Denver Election Commission and the creation of the Country Clerk and Recorder as an elected position.

Article I CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Membership: The Central Committee shall consist of the following:

4. The following elected officials of the City and County of Denver who are members of the Party: the Mayor, the Auditor, the members of City Council, the members of School Board District No. 1 and the ~~members of the Election Commission~~ **COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**.

Amendment 2: The following change accomodates two changes. First, the county party no longer runs Bingo games, so the Bingo Committee is eliminated. Second, diversity committee members are no longer elected at the biennial reorganization meeting because of concern that the attendance at these meetings represents too small and undiverse a population from which to choose committee members. The method of selecting committee members is specified later as appointment by subdistrict Captain and Co-Captain.

Article I CENTRAL COMMITTEE

C. Biennial Reorganizational Meeting

10. Ancillary Elections

- (a) Each subdistrict shall elect a member to the County Rules committee, the County Permanent Organization committee, **AND** the County Credentials committee, ~~the County Bingo committee and the County Diversity Committee~~.

Amendment 3: The following language has words that were apparently struck out previously but never removed from the rules. They should be removed as a housekeeping matter.

Article I Central Committee

D. Proxies

4. The signed proxy must be assigned by the absent member to the agent by name and may not be reassigned. If the agent leaves, the proxy ~~may be exercised only as~~ will not be counted.

Amendment 4: The following change asks to remove a provision for audio recording of Executive Committee meetings. Rarely has this requirement been met and it appears impractical. Acoustics at meeting locations often prevent useful recordings. The Executive Committee is required to keep minutes of each meeting.

Article II Executive Committee

D. Officers

3. Duties of the Secretary:

- (a) be responsible for collecting the minutes of all Central Committee and Executive Committee

meetings, and ~~the recording of the Central Committee meetings by means of audio recordings, which audio recordings shall be kept for a period of eighteen (18) months, and~~

Amendment 5: The following change corrects a conflict with Art. I, 10 (c), which says members of the rules committee are elected at the biennial reorganization meeting.

Article II Executive Committee

I. Standing Committees of the Party:

1. The Rules, Credentials and Permanent Organization Committee.

(a) The Rules Committee shall be comprised of one (1) member per subdistrict ~~appointed by the Captain and Co-Captain.~~ **ELECTED AT THE BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

Amendment 6: The following change answers the otherwise open question of who chooses the membership of the named committees. It also encourages participation by allowing more than one member from each subdistrict.

Article II Executive Committee

I. Standing Committees of the Party:

3. The Diversity and Outreach Committee, Fundraising Committee, and GOTV Committee shall be each composed of **AT LEAST** one member from each subdistrict, **APPOINTED BY THE CAPTAIN AND CO-CAPTAIN OF THE RESPECTIVE SUBDISTRICT.** The chairs of these committees shall be appointed by the chair of the county central committee and shall each fill one of the twelve captain-at-large positions.

Amendment 7: This year, not all money allocated to subsidizing national delegates will be spent. Rather than hold it for future years, the finance committee would like to use these funds to cover non-election year expenses, when it is harder to raise funds. Rolling allocated but unspent monies into the general funds appears to be a good overall practice and it is not an unusual accounting practice. This provision does allow for monies that should remain allocated for extended periods without being returned to the general fund.

Article III BUDGET AND FINANCE

K. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE WHEN ALLOCATED, MONIES ALLOCATED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE WITHIN A FISCAL YEAR THAT ARE UNSPENT AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MOVED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Amendment 8: The following change accomodates the elimination of the Denver Election Commission.

Article IV PRECINCT CAUCUSES

F. No person shall be eligible to vote in any precinct caucus, or to be a delegate to an assembly, or to be a candidate for precinct committee person, unless such person has been a registered Democrat for not less than two months prior to the date of the caucus or assembly, and a resident of the precinct for at least thirty (30) days, as shown on the registration books of the ~~Denver Election Commission~~ **COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.** Any person who has

attained the age of eighteen (18) or has become a naturalized citizen within the two month period immediately preceding the caucus shall be eligible to vote at the caucus even though that person has not been a registered Democrat for the full two months. If a registered Democrat has become a resident of the County during the two months immediately preceding the caucus, the affiliation with the Party at a prior residence shall be counted in determining whether that person has been a registered Democrat for the two months. (CRS 1-3-101(1)).

Amendment 9: The following provision appears to conflict with statute CRS 1-3-103(1)(a), which requires a "county central committee vacancy committee." It is replaced by a provision in new Article VIII STANDING RULES.

Article V DUTIES OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE PEOPLE

~~C. Vacancies in the office of committee persons shall be filled by the appointment of the Chair with the advice of the subdistrict Captain and Co-Captain.~~

Amendment 10: The following change corrects a minor grammatical error.

Article VI Delegate Selection at Precinct Caucuses, Assemblies and Conventions

C. One ballot shall be taken to elect delegates from any caucus.

1. Eligible candidates for delegate will be ~~allow~~ **ALLOWED** to address the caucus.

Amendment 11: It is good practice to keep up with the latest version of Robert's Rules to take advantage of its steady enhancement and growing coverage of things such as new communications technology. The term "Robert's Rules of Order" by itself is ambiguous and could refer to any of many references; using the term Newly Revised resolves that ambiguity.

Article VI Items of Special Importance

G. Roberts's Rules to Govern. Any procedure which is not prescribed in or governed by these Rules shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, **NEWLY REVISED**.

Amendment 12: This new rule allows cosmetic changes to this document, including corrections to the page numbers in the table of contents, without waiting for approval of the Central Committee. It also allows the rules to be published by the Rules Committee in various additional forms, such as PDF or as Web pages, in which differences in layout and/or formatting may be unavoidable.

Article VI Items of Special Importance

J. FORMAT AND LAYOUT OF THE RULES. THE FORMAT AND LAYOUT OF THE RULES, INCLUDING THE WHOLE OF THE TABLE OF CONTENTS, ARE NOT CONSIDERED PART OF THE RULES. THEY MAY BE CHANGED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE WITHOUT APPROVAL TO THE EXTENT THAT THE LANGUAGE OF NO RULE IS CHANGED.

Amendment 13: The purpose of this new article is to cover rules, such as the composition of the Denver County Central Committee Vacancy Committee, that must be reenacted by each Denver County Central Committee, usually at the biennial reorganization. At this time, the only standing

rules proposed are for selecting the County Central Committee Vacancy Committee, which the County Central Committee is obligated to appoint. For readability, this new article is presented in its natural case rather than all bold upper case.

ARTICLE VIII STANDING RULES

- A. Period of Validity. Standing Rules are valid only from the time approved by the Denver County Central Committee until the next Biennial Organization Meeting.
- B. Biennial Approval. At each Biennial Organization Meeting, existing standing rules with amendments recommended by the Rules Committee shall be voted on for (re)approval by the Meeting.
- C. Amending. The Standing Rules may be amended by any Denver County Central Committee Meeting.
- D. Precedence of Rules. In case of conflict, Standing Rules take precedence over other rules in this document, except that CRS and CDP take precedence over Standing Rules.
- E. Current Rules. The current Standing Rules are as follows:
 - 1. For the filling of a vacancy in the position of Precinct Committeeperson, the County Central Committee Vacancy Committee shall be the Chair and the respective subdistrict Captain and Co-Captain.
 - 2. Except for the position of Precinct Committeeperson and for succession of Officers specified elsewhere, the Executive Committee shall be the County Central Committee Vacancy Committee.